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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR PATENT APPLICATION

PATENT

Docket No. 50087/GSI/W277

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe, I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled DRILL PIPE PROTECTOR, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following is checked:

☐ was filed on      as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number      and was amended on      (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)Application Number CountryFiling Date (day/month/year) Priority Claimed

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Application Number Filing Date

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

Application Number Filing DatePatented/Pending/Abandoned

**POWER OF ATTORNEY:** I hereby appoint the following attorneys and agents of the law firm CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALL, LLP to prosecute this application and any U.S. continuation or divisional application based

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on it, and to prosecute any international application under the Patent Cooperation Treaty based on it, and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected with either of them in accordance with instructions from the assignee of the entire interest in this application; or from the first or sole inventor named below in the event the application is not assigned; or from \_\_\_\_\_ in the event the power granted herein is for an application filed on behalf of a foreign attorney or agent.

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# ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, BRIAN MITCHELL, ANDREW DALE FULLER, AND NORMAN BRUCE MOORE, residing at 3916 Arista Way, Oceanside, California 92054; 2402 Curtis Avenue, Apt. No. 4, Redondo Beach, California 90278; and 7 Rosy Finch Lane, Aliso Viejo, California 92656, respectively, have invented certain new and useful improvements disclosed in an application for United States Letters Patent entitled **DRILL PIPE PROTECTOR**, filed April 4, 2003, Application No. 10/407,093, together with claim to the priority of United States Provisional Application No. 60/114,875, filed January 6, 1999.

AND WHEREAS, WESTERN WELL TOOL, INC. , a State of Texas corporation, having a place of business at 9758 Whithorn Drive, Houston, Texas 77095 (hereafter, together with any successors, legal representatives or assigns thereof, called "ASSIGNEE") wants to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to said improvements and application.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over to ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in and to said improvements, and said application and all divisions and continuations thereof, and all United States Letters Patents which may be granted thereon and all reissues, reexaminations and extensions thereof, and all priority rights under all available International Agreements, Treaties and Conventions for the protection of intellectual property in its various forms in every participating country, and all applications for patents (including related rights such as utility-model registrations, inventor's certificates, and the like) heretofore or hereafter filed for said improvements in any foreign countries, and all patents (including all continuations, divisions, extensions, renewals, substitutes, and reissues thereof) granted for said improvements in any foreign countries; and we hereby authorize and request the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, and any officials of foreign countries whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all patents for said improvements to ASSIGNEE in accordance with the terms of this Assignment;

AND WE HEREBY covenant that we have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith;

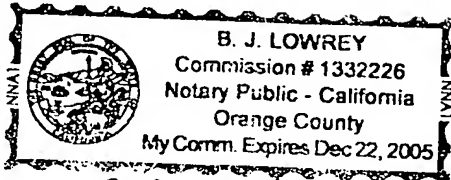
AND WE HEREBY further covenant and agree that we will communicate to ASSIGNEE any facts known to us respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, substitute and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid ASSIGNEE to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 3 day of feBR, 2004

Brian Mitchell  
Brian Mitchell

STATE OF CALIF )  
COUNTY OF ORANGE )

On 2-3-2004, before me B. J. Lowrey, Notary Public, personally appeared Brian Mitchell personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity-upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.



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B. J. Lowrey  
Signature of Notary

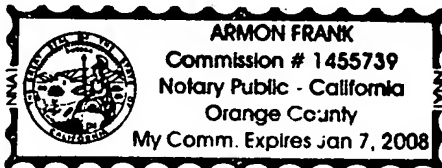
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 17 day of February, 2004.

Andrew Dale Fuller  
Andrew Dale Fuller

STATE OF CALIF.  
COUNTY OF ORANGE

On FEB. 17, 2004, before me ARMON FRANK, Notary Public, personally appeared Andrew Dale Fuller personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.



WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Armon Frank  
Signature of Notary

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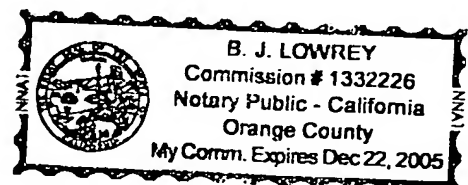
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 2 day of Feb, 2004.

STATE OF CALIF  
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On 2-3-2004, before me B. J. Lowrey, Notary Public, personally appeared Norman Bruce Moore personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

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B. J. Lowrey  
Signature of Notary



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